

## **CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON**

### **Art Commission MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** August 26, 2008

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

#### **Arts Commission Members Present:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shelley Brittingham	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laurie Haslund	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Ketcherside
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Donna DiFore	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maureen Hoffmann	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> June Yormark
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rochelle Flynn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dane Johnson	
<input type="checkbox"/> Victoria Hall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kathy Justin	

#### **Staff Present:**

Debbie Zemke, Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Manager  
Gina Kallman, Cultural Arts Supervisor

#### **Guests:**

Randi Lacey, Past Commissioner and Burien Resident

#### **Minutes**

Meeting called to order.

June minutes are approved.

#### **Area of Focus Reports**

**Arts Education**—no report

**Public Art**—Urban Partners has donated property (Parcel 5, temporarily) and funds to help bring the sculpture “Passages” to Burien from San Francisco via the Seattle Center. GGLO, the architects for Town Square, donated a design charette on Friday, August 22 to help create the design for the new one acre temporary space. It was decided that the space would not be called a “park”, but instead be titled “B\ IAS”, Burien Interim Art Space. The space would keep its asphalt and concrete with planting beds dug into the asphalt and possible large mounds of asphalt as well, creating positive and negative spaces. The planting beds could be sustainable and low to no water, and they would be maintained by community groups. Urban Partners may also donate electricity and water for the year of installation. Dan (Urban Partners) would also like the space used for events. The \$10,000 (from the City’s 1% for art fund) needed to bring “Passages” to Burien needs to be approved by City Council at the next Council meeting on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Urban Partners and GGLO will be speaking to the Town Square contractor to ask for assistance building the new space. GGLO will also provide a park design with images for the City Council meeting. The management of the new art space will be by Ignition Northwest for the build and the programming. Arts Commissioners Dane Johnson and Kathy Justin will be point people for much of this work. Passage will be installed between December 21 and 27, and there may be a soft opening the weekend of December 27, possibly a winter fire festival. Kathy will be looking for grant monies from organizations such as the Safeco Foundation. Two other sculptures will also be installed: “Iron Tree” and “Newmeta”. Artists in “Scrap Eden”, who have built flowers

out of recycled materials, will also be approached. This temporary art park has potential to be copied around the country.

**Literary Art Program**—the arts commissioners have created a focus group, and have commitments from the group for a meeting at Page 2 books on September 30<sup>th</sup>. The group will look at existing programming and see what new programming needs to be created. On Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, “Three Cups of Tea” author Greg Mortenson will be speaking at the Highline PAC. The commission will discuss changing the date of October meeting at the September meeting.

**4 Culture Site Specific** --Artist Laura Curry will be performing her art piece “Performance Memoirs” during the Arts-A-Glow event on September 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. The artist will install herself and two other artists in the windows of Karuna Arts Yoga on 152<sup>nd</sup> and Ambaum to interact with the public for 30 hours. This is the first part of a three part project that will hopefully continue into 2009.

**Arts and Culture Fund**—Mike Martin has recommending \$25,000 for the arts and culture fund for 2009, an increase of \$10,000 from last year. The meeting to decide who will receive funding has been scheduled for September 22<sup>nd</sup>, time to be determined.

**Arts Summit**—An upcoming fall conversation is to be planned. The conversation of this summit will focus on topics picked at the spring 2008 summit.

**City workplan** is now on a 2 year cycle and Debbie passed out strategies recommended for 2009 work plan. (attached)

**Burien Aesthetic Master Plan**—Maureen approached Scott Greenberg and David Johansen to find out progress of way finding program. She found that due to funding priorities way finding has been put off for a year or two. Also due to the large Passages project the bus shelter project may need to wait (this project was to work with Metro’s Dale Cummings) . Kathy will contact Dale to let him know that we are still thinking about this project but may need to put on hold for a year.

**Celebrating Burien’s Cultural Identity**—nothing to report

### **Staff Report**

Arts-A-Glow will be held on Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup> in Downtown Burien. This year’s artwalk is a collaborative effort between the City, Discover Burien and the B-Town Blog.

Randy reported that October 5<sup>th</sup> will be the Burien Showcase for the Arts

Debbie reported on the Arts Commission membership issue. The City Manager and Attorney have stated that a range in the number of members, the previous recommendation from the Commission, is not an option. City staff is again recommending a commission of 7 members obtained through attrition. The Commission can make its own recommendation to Council. The current number is 11, and at this time we have 10 members.

Dane motioned that **The Burien Arts Commission will look at making changes relative to the size of the commission at the end of calendar year 2009.** Motion based on work load of current commission. Shelly 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion carried.

Debbie reported that the Dan Webb sculptures from the Town Square Park will be highlighted in Sculpture Magazine.

Meeting is adjourned.

**2009-10 CITY WORK PLAN**  
**Parks, Recreation, & Cultural Services Department**  
**Work Item Initiative: Implement Recommendations from Arts Summit**

**Strategies** (HOW We Are Going To Accomplish This Initiative)

- Schedule another arts gathering for Burien based non-profit arts groups
- Provide assistance to foster collaborative relationships between groups
- Provide resources to support space, funding and marketing issues.

*Note to Michael: D slightly re-phrased above. 7-3-08.*

- Pursue adoption of the arts as additional element for the City's identity and branding

**Performance Measures** (How We Are Going To Know If We Are Successful)

- Bi-annual "Arts Conversation" events are held in Fall, 2008, Spring & Fall, 2009, and Spring & Fall, 2010.
- Successful collaborative programming and/or resource-share is created between minimum of 2 groups (2010).
- "Arts Conversation" agendas will include these topics. (2009-10)  
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